

North Carolina Democratic Party, where she served as the first chairwoman. In the 1970s and 1980s, she was one of the most important voices in the fight to ratify the ERA.

As a long-time resident of Wilson, North Carolina, Betty Ray McCain always gave back to the community she called home. She paved the way for women like me, and her legacy will inspire future generations.

Betty Ray McCain left her mark on North Carolina history, and we are better because of her.

#### THANKING JAY HURST FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my defense fellow, Jay Hurst, for a year of exceptional service to our office and to our Nation.

Jay joined us in January, and he has enriched our office with his invaluable insights and great company. He was instrumental in the NDAA process and meeting with Members and staffers from offices across Capitol Hill, and achieving great wins for our State, Louisiana, and our country.

Although he was only with us for a year, Jay instantly became like family to us, mentoring our interns and making complex military issues understandable for staff. In his spare time—he didn't have much—he also published scholarly articles on military matters on a number of pressing policy questions.

Jay is leaving us for the Pentagon, where he will undoubtedly carry on the high standard of excellence that he brought to our office. My friend will be missed and prayed for. I thank him for all of his service.

#### CONGRATULATING GREG HARRIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Illinois House Majority Leader Greg Harris, who is retiring from office at the end of this session after 16 years of dedicated service to the north side of Chicago and to our entire city and State.

Simply put, Majority Leader Harris' tenure in the General Assembly has been historic. He spearheaded the effort to legalize same-sex marriage in Illinois in 2013, championed healthcare reform, and has fought with great success to expand the access to housing in our State.

Majority Leader Harris is a skilled and compassionate legislator. As the first openly gay person in Illinois legislative leadership, he has brought a

lived experience to his work and has created a more equitable city and State.

I am grateful for all the work Majority Leader Harris has accomplished. His work will benefit people in Illinois for generations to come. May he enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

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#### RECOGNIZING JANET NYCE

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated efforts of a great champion in service of wildlife preservation and nature conservation. Janet Nycé of Elliptsburg, Pennsylvania, is a leading advocate for conservation and women in the outdoors, both locally and nationally.

Since 1990, Janet has held leadership roles in conservation organizations such as the Safari Club, the National Rifle Association, and the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation. In addition to being a charter member of the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation since 2004, Janet served as secretary and president during her tenure. Most recently, Janet was elected by her fellow members to serve on the board of directors of the NRA.

Most notably, Janet has dedicated her time to teaching classes about the outdoors and self-defense for women. She has frequently been an instructor for hunting and firearms safety courses throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Janet Nycé for her many years of dedication to the cause of conservation and outdoor sportsmanship. Thanks to her work, future generations will be able to carry on in the outdoor traditions that we now enjoy.

#### MEDIA SHOULD REPORT ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, for those folks back home and the members of the news media, when we talk about the number of illegal immigrants coming here, they basically come in here two ways.

Either they check in with the Border Patrol, say that they are going to show up for a hearing, eventually, to see whether they are an appropriate subject for asylum, and then they disappear into America. At least we know a little bit about them because they check in with the Border Patrol.

More dangerous is what they call the got-aways who just run through the many holes of our southern border. We have no idea who they are. They are more dangerous because we know nothing about them.

It recently came out that there were 73,000 got-aways who entered the country in November. That is the all-time high. As far as the last 2 years are concerned, it blew by the old all-time high by 22 percent.

I would hope that our slumbering news media would wake up and do a story about this so the American citizens know what a rapid increase we have of people coming into this country who don't even get the cursory examination that people who come here seeking asylum do. So please, news media, wake up.

#### CROPS NEED MORE WATER FROM GOVERNMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, California has suffered from water shortages for a few years, partly due to low rainfall and snowpack annually, but in big part due to the poor management of the water we do receive.

Our lakes were basically full in 2019 and also in 2017, when you may recall the Oroville Dam spillway incident.

Our water systems, both State and Federal, are designed to withstand 5 years of drought. It doesn't work when government regulators let all the water out for dubious fish and environmental purposes.

Lake Oroville, in 2021, which was less than 2 years after being full, had its lowest level in its history, so low it wasn't even making hydroelectric power—this in a State that wants to electrify all of our cars and appliances.

So, what are we going to do? Hundreds of thousands of acres of ag land also have been idle with these crops that all of America depends on, not just California. It is not just California farmers. These crops are used widely across our whole country. Yet, they are not being grown because they are wasting our water.

Rain season is now upon us. I hope we can get our Federal and State regulators to be much wiser about saving our water and keeping it stored so we don't run short of food and electricity due to their bad management.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JONES) laid before the House the following communication from the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics:

*Minnetonka, MN, December 2, 2022.*

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I hereby resign my position as an alternate on the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics.

This will allow me to switch positions with current OCE Board Member Karan English.

It is an honor to serve you and the U.S. House of Representatives on the OCE Board.

Thank you very much,

WILLIAM P. LUTHER,  
*Minnesota (Member 1995–2003).*